

CLAIMS STATUS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A fibrous tampon for absorbing body fluids, the tampon comprising:

one or more malodor counteractant materials selected from the group consisting of: glycerin, glycerin compound, aldehyde, natural oil, solution of soluble natural compound, natural plant and herb extract, naturally occurring deodorizing active, citric acid, acetic acid, base, EDTA, ester, masking agent, sensory receptor alterant, oxidizing agent, biological agent, surfactant, surface active polymer, and any mixtures thereof;

wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials is present between about 0.01 grams to about 0.15 grams,

wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials does not include ascorbic acid or its derivatives, and

wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials is in a liquid form.

2. Canceled.

3. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 1, wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials is glycerin.

4. Canceled.

5. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 1, wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials is present between about 0.1 grams to about 20% of the total weight of the tampon.

6. (Currently amended) A fibrous tampon for absorbing body fluids, the tampon comprising:

glycerin present between about 0.01 grams to about ~~0.15~~0.05 grams;

wherein said glycerin is naturally sourced.

7. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 6, further comprising one or more additional malodor counteractants selected from the group consisting of: aldehyde, natural oil, solution of soluble natural compound, natural plant and herb extract, naturally occurring deodorizing active, acid, base, oxidant, chelating agent, ester, masking agent, sensory receptor alterant, oxidizing agent, biological agent, surfactant, surface active polymer, and any mixtures thereof.

Claims 8 through 19 Canceled.

20. (Previously presented) A fibrous tampon for absorbing body fluids comprising:

a fibrous material suitable for absorbing said body fluids; and

a liquid glycerin that does not support microbial growth, disposed within said fibrous material of said tampon to absorb odors associated with said body fluids.

21. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 20, wherein said liquid glycerin is combined with at least one additional malodor counteractant material selected from the group consisting of: aldehyde, natural oil, solution of soluble natural compound, natural plant and herb extract, naturally occurring deodorizing active, acid, base, oxidant, chelating agent, ester, masking agent, sensory receptor alterant, oxidizing agent, biological agent, surfactant, surface active polymer, zeolite, and any mixtures thereof.

22. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 20, wherein said liquid glycerin is naturally sourced.

23. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 21, wherein said one additional malodor counteractant material is naturally sourced.

24. Canceled.

25. Canceled.

26. (Currently amended) A method of deodorizing a vaginal area comprising:

applying to said vaginal area a multi-layered fibrous absorbent article having a malodor counteractant material comprising:

glycerin; and

at least one additional malodor counteractant material selected from the group consisting of: aldehyde, natural oil, solution of soluble natural compound, natural plant and herb extract, naturally occurring deodorizing active, citric acid, base, EDTA, ester, masking agent, sensory receptor alterant, oxidizing agent,

biological agent, surfactant, surface active polymer, zeolite, and any mixtures thereof,

wherein said glycerin and said at least one additional malodor counteractant material counteracts malodor in said vaginal area, wherein said multi-layered fibrous absorbent article has an inner layer and an outer layer, and wherein said glycerin and said at least one additional malodor counteractant material are within said multi-layered fibrous absorbent article on and/or in said inner layer.

27. (Currently amended) A method of deodorizing a vaginal area comprising:

applying to said vaginal area a fibrous absorbent article having a fibrous material suitable for absorbing body fluids and a liquid glycerin that does not support microbial growth disposed in said fibrous material,

wherein said liquid glycerin is present in an amount between about 0.01 grams to about ~~0.150~~0.05 grams, and

wherein said liquid glycerin counteracts malodor in said vaginal area.

Claims 28 through 30 are Canceled.